

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

April 2, 2003

The Columbia County Board of Commissioners met in scheduled session with Commissioner Joe Corsiglia, Commissioner Rita Bernhard and Commissioner Anthony Hyde, together with John Knight, County Council and Jan Greenhalgh, Board Secretary.

Commissioner Corsiglia called the meeting to order and led the flag salute.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2003 Work Session; March 26, 2003 Staff meeting, and March 26, 2003 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENT RETIREMENT PLAQUE TO PAULETTE KUIPER:

The Board presented Paulette Kuiper with a retirement plaque in recognition of her service to Columbia County. The Board thanked Paulette for her loyal dedication and wished her well in her retirement.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Corsiglia read the consent agenda in full. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- (A) Ratify the Select to Pay for 4/1/03.
- (B) Ratify Partition Plat for "T.F.T., Inc. & Robert Webster".
- (C) Ratify Partition Plat for "The Willows".
- (D) Ratify Applications for a Replat Partition and Lot Line Adjustment for Tax Lot Nos. #7405-000-01800 & #7405-000-02000.
- (E) Order No. 21-2003, "In the Matter of an Application by Glacier NW for a new Surface Mining Operating Permit".

- (F) Order No. 22-2003, "In the Matter of Selling to Michael R. Leiker and Tammie L. Leiker Certain County-Owned Real Property Known as Tax Account No. 03-01 7216-033-00804".
- (G) Appoint Dennis Kenna to the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council to replace Bob Amela. Term to expire March 31, 2005.

AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS/AMENDMENTS:

- (H) 2002 Fund Exchange Agreement #20,558 with ODOT for "Apiary Road Overlay between Old Hwy 30 and Fernhill Road".

The motion carried unanimously.

PAYMENT ON BACK TAXES, INTEREST, PENALTIES - BENNETTS:

Cynthia Zemaitis, Legal Assistant, approached the Board regarding the Bennett property. By way of some background, the County foreclosed on several parcels last fall, owned by Jim & Dorothy Bennett. Since that time, Mrs. Bennett has requested that the property be reconveyed back to her, upon payment of back taxes, penalties, interest and fees. On 2/25/03, Cynthia sent a letter to the Bennett's with a breakdown of all monies owing which is \$64,763.22. Yesterday, Mrs. Bennett delivered a certified check in the amount of \$40,000 to County Counsel's office and stated that was all she could come up with by the deadline. She asked that \$35,301.14 be applied to the rental property, because they need the rental payments for their income and the balance of \$4,698.86 be applied to the property that has her home on it. She also asked if the County would consider monthly payments to pay off the balance. The questions before the Board are: does the County want to allow Mrs. Bennett to purchase back the rental property; does the Board want to allow Mrs. Bennett to purchase back her home; and does the Board want to consider monthly payments on the balance or allow additional time for the payoff. After some discussion, the Board agreed to deed the rental property back to the Bennett's. However, the use of the over payment and the monthly payments vs extended pay off date will be discussed further at the next work session.

KIM JOHNS, USIA:

On behalf of the employees of USIA, Mr. Johns presented the Board with a plaque in recognition of all the work the Board has done for USIA.

COMMISSIONER CORSIGLIA COMMENTS:

Commissioner Corsiglia spoke directly to the press. There is a rumor out there in the community that the County is taking all the money from the Double T concerts, instead of it going to the Fairgrounds. This is simply not true. Rather than saying this is wrong to the County, he thinks this is wrong to Morse Bros. Morse Bros. is forgoing personal profit for their corporation and

dedicating those funds to the Fair. Although these funds are passed through the County budget, the County does not retain any of these monies. They go directly to the Fair. He encouraged the press to speak with Brian Gray of Morse Bros. and perhaps do an article on the benevolence of Morse. Bros. and the money they are giving the Fair.

COMMISSIONER BERNHARD COMMENTS:

At a recent Community Action Team meeting, there was talk about CAT taking over the REACH and CASA programs. Both of these programs have been failing and have asked CAT for assistance. Pending some negotiation, it looks like this will probably happen. Hopefully this will allow both of these programs to keep afloat.

The federal government will be allocating some additional workforce investment funding. She will be participating in a conference call with the Oregon Consortium to go over the budget. This is good news because with our unemployment rate, we need all the funding we can get.

There will be an all day earthquake exercise tomorrow down in Emergency Services. This is a statewide event.

COMMISSIONER HYDE COMMENTS:

Commissioner Hyde attended a meeting last week with a number of stakeholders regarding the arts in Columbia County. Discussed was the concept of forming a Regional Arts Council (RAC) in Columbia and Clatsop counties. Columbia County has been involved in a coastal RAC for some time but hasn't gotten much out of it. Additional meetings will be scheduled.

Commissioner Hyde met with the PCC Advisory Committee and the Dean last week. PCC will be reducing services in Columbia County because of budget cuts. Commissioner Hyde explained that, although services are being reduced in Columbia County, it will not have a huge impact. We won't be losing significant money that we are putting into the system.

Commissioner Hyde received a fax from the Union County Commissioners regarding the wolf issue. They are asking all counties to weigh in and all have but two. Commissioner Hyde read a resolution adopted by the Tillamook County Commissioners and a letter of support from Sherman County. He would recommend that the County support this. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to send a letter of support for the de-listing of the wolf. The motion carried unanimously.

COUNTY COUNSEL COMMENTS:

John presented the Board with a Personal Services Contract and Confidentiality Agreement with Globel Gas Group. After a brief review, John recommended approval. With that, Commissioner Hyde moved and Commissioner Bernhard seconded to approve the Personal Services Contract and Confidentiality Agreement with Globel Gas Group. The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ORS 192.660(1)(f) - EXEMPT RECORDS:

The Executive Session was not held.

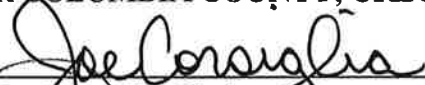
With nothing further coming before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Dated at St. Helens, Oregon this 2nd day of April, 2003.

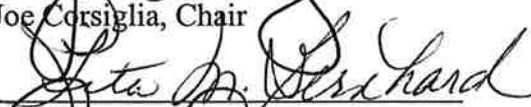
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FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

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Joe Corsiglia, Chair

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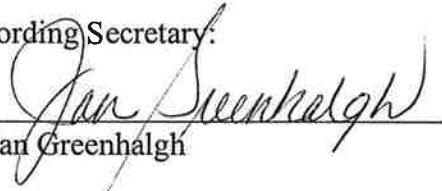

Rita Bernhard, Commissioner

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Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

Recording Secretary:

By:


Jan Greenhalgh